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DOC Educators Add New Dimension to State Conference

The Department of Corrections was well represented at the 30th Annual Louisiana Association for Public, Community, & Adult Education (LAPCAE) Conference held in Baton Rouge on June 6th – 8th. Over 30 DOC educators were in attendance and enjoyed the presentations on new and innovative ideas, which will assist them in the daily education of their students. The theme of the conference was

Hats Off to 30 Years of Success. Many of the conference sessions dealt with adult correctional education issues, such as: Responding to Children & Families of Prisoners; Proper Use of Inmate Tutors; Classroom Management Techniques for Correctional Educators; and The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly of Adult Education in Correctional Facilities. Two

of the sessions were presented by Department employees: Kim Barnette, DOC

University, and received college credit toward Adult Education Certification. Additionally, all participants enjoyed meeting other adult education teachers from across the state to share ideas on how to better serve their students.

This marked the first year of full participation for DOC adult educators in LAPCAE, which proved to be a beneficial partnership for all. Kenneth Villemaire, LAPCAE President, stated that the participation of the Department of Corrections education staff added a new dimension to adult education in Louisiana that has been needed for many years.

-Information submitted by Kim Barnette, DOC Education Director



DWCC's Karen Lee makes a presentation at the LAPCAE Conference.

Education Director; Barry Solar, YOG Director; Karen Lee, DWCC Instructor; Marsha Pugh, DWCC-SSD Instructor; and Janice Harvey, DCI-YOG Coordinator.

Over 20 DOC participants enrolled in a post-graduate, adult-certification course offered by Dr. Sam Dauzat, Professor at Louisiana Tech Uni-

Crisis Training Critical to Corrections

Editor's Note: In late May, ten DOC employees took advantage of valuable training sponsored by the Southern Law Enforcement Foundation. The Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) class offered employees training to assist their peers involved in critical, violent and/or traumatic incidents. CISM training is an integrated system of interventions designed to prevent or mitigate adverse psychological reactions and

to provide stabilization to an employee. PCC Chaplain Robert Colquette agreed to provide a summary of the training for *DOC Newsline*.

By: Robert Colquette, PCC

Stress Management is something we all need at some time in our lives. Hopefully, we will never need (CISM) Critical Incident Stress Management. September 11, 2001

brought to our focus the possibility that, at any moment in time, we may need help from our friends and peers to work through a major catastrophic event in our lives. We never know when or if we will ever need the training. That is why it is so important to get CISM and be ready to help men and women in need to cope with an event they didn't ask for and have little control over.

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CVD Officers Plan for High Risk Events

In June, P&P agents Robert Hall and Mike Phelps attended the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy in Meridian, MS. The week-long course centered on High Risk Event Planning and Officer Safety. Covington District has a Specialized Warrant Team and this training was extremely beneficial in providing knowledge on high risk arrest planning.



CVD agent Mike Phelps leads his unit during a discussion at the RCTA training in June.

The RCTA began as a component of the law enforcement agency sponsored and congressionally directed, Gulf States Counterdrug Initiative (GSCI). Its purpose is "to identify resources, services and support that can be legitimately provided by DOD components and agencies to support the counterdrug activities along the U.S. Southern coastal region." In addition to the GSCI states, RCTA provides training to law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S.

Agent Phelps put his training plan into action when called on by Headquarters in late June. HQ received intelligence that indicated inmate Tanya Pierce, who escaped from City of Faith in

Monroe in May, might be in the Covington area. Information indicated that she could be in the company of an offender currently under supervision in the Covington District.

Agents Mike Phelps and Jill Walker took the lead on tracking Pierce on Wednesday, June 22nd. Other agents joined the hunt in developing information and

conducting surveillance. In less than 48 hours, Tanya Pierce was back in police custody. She had arrests for attempted first degree murder, aggravated flight from a police officer and aggravated burglary. Other agents assisting include Robert Indest, Beth Blanton, Joseph Cotton, Ruth Purcell, Bryan Mims and Justin Allen.

- Information submitted by Felix Indest, Covington P&P

The Hunt is On for SPD's Most Wanted Sex Offenders

The Shreveport District Office of Probation and Parole has launched a vigorous effort to locate its sex offender warrant cases. Pictures of these "most wanted" offenders have been featured on KTAL television (Channel 6) in a news special and posted on a "Most Wanted" board. The bulletin board is located in the lobby of the Shreveport District Office and has all identifying information on the offenders with a contact number for information.

- Information submitted by David Bahn, SPD



SPD Agent Butch Shaver (P&P Officer of the Year) gives a follow-up interview with KTAL after tips lead to the apprehension of one of SPD's "Most Wanted."

Cash and Carry



Soon, many employees at Avoyelles and David Wade Correctional Centers will enjoy the conveniences of a DOC Credit Union on their respective sites. Building started at both facilities in June and will hopefully be completed by the fall.

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Critical Incident Stress Management Group Crisis Intervention Training prepares you for just that moment when people need help and you can intervene in their lives to be a positive force to help them work through the crisis.

Crisis Intervention starts with **Pre-Crisis Intervention**. Getting prepared before anything happens. It is important that people already be in place when a critical incident occurs.

The next stage to be set is **Demobilizations and Staff Consultation (rescuers)**. This is event driven. You go only when you are asked and there is a need to be addressed.

The third stage is the **Crisis Management Briefing (civilians, schools, business)**. This is done in large groups and organizations anytime post-crisis.

Demobilization and Crisis Management are to allow for psychological decompression. We are not psychologists or social workers. We are people, peers, friends, co-workers, etc., who care about others and want to help them work through the stress of the event.

Step four is **Defusing**. This is done 12 hours post-crisis. Symptoms of the people involved drive this step and help to bring closure to the event. This is in a small group setting.

These are just four of the ten steps that the training takes you through. Every group is different, but the key is that their peers are the ones there to support them. The groups that do the group interventions have one of their peers in the group with a Social Worker and/or a Minister to help. It is **not** done by those in authority over them, but by people of the same status as those who are hurting. Being able to open up to someone knowing there will not be any affect on their job or other personal activities is tremendously reassuring to the employee needing help. It is vital that everything that is shared is kept strictly confidential. (CISM debriefings are strictly confidential as per Dept. Regulation No. A-02-024.)

I believe the training is very worthwhile and needed. The two days time it takes out of your busy schedule is like learning to do life saving techniques hoping you will never need them but being ready if you do. Someday it might even be you in the position of needing help and you will be glad they are there for you.

Other employees completing the training include Sgt. Joyce Sanders and Sgt. Jeremy Mitchell of Phelps Correctional Center; Sgt. Dana Barton and Sgt. John Davidson of Allen Correctional Center; Susie Drell of J. Levy Dabadie Correctional Center; Lt. Darren Bordelon and Seth Smith of Louisiana State Penitentiary, Tavonja Scott of Avoyelles Correctional Center; and Malcolm Gayfield of Steve Hoyle Rehabilitation Center.

EHCC's Falgout Recognized as a Distinguished Honor Graduate

EHCC would like to acknowledge Senior Drill Instructor Jacob Falgout for being recognized as a Distinguished Honor Graduate of the Florida Drill Instructor Training Academy. Falgout attended the Academy May 8th – 20th, 2005. The academy's mission is to provide continual training to federal, state and local civilian correctional agencies that have adopted a "Boot Camp" style program for the rehabilitation of non-violent offenders. Senior Drill Instructor Falgout was taught current Drill Instructor doctrine, Drill and Ceremony, Leader Development and Assessment, Physical Training and Professional Sensitivity and Awareness. Congratulations and thanks go to Falgout for his extra efforts.

-Information Submitted by Dianne Allen, EHCC

DCI's Smith and K-9 Arno Earn USPCA Certification

Major John Smith and K-9 Arno, an eight-year old Belgian Malinois, based at **Dixon Correctional Institute**, were certified in narcotics detection by the United States Patrol Canine Association (USPCA). Presently, they are the only canine team in the Department to hold this distinction.

In June, Major Smith and Arno were paced through simulated time and discovery trials while searching the interiors of buildings and vehicles. The DCI team scored 190 out of a possible 200 points to earn USPCA certification. Teams must tally a minimum of 140 points for certification.

Arno was purchased by Dixon Correctional Institute as a puppy and trained for crowd control, police attack, and illegal drug detection. Major Smith has been a member of the DCI K-9 Unit since 1995 and has exclusively trained and teamed with Arno.

The team is regularly dispatched to public schools, detention centers, and other state prison facilities for rou-

tine and specialized assignments.



In the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack, Major Smith and Arno were activated by the U.S. Department of Defense to provide security at a nuclear submarine base.

Major Smith said, "There have been a few other canine teams around the

state that have held this certification, but right now we are the only one. Arno is a fine

canine and I'm proud of our accomplishment."

"Our canine teams at DCI train year round and have a personal and professional commitment to excellence," DCI Warden James M. LeBlanc said. "Major Smith and Arno are the first DCI team to earn this particular USPCA certification. This is just one example of the tradition of excellence DCI employees provide for our department while striving to ensure public safety for the citizens of Louisiana."

-Information submitted by Asst. Warden Janet Lorena, DCI



P & P Officers Score in Razorback Regionals

The results are in from the Arkansas Razorback Regionals held in Eldorado in late May. P & P was well represented. Steve Fisher is from the Monroe District and Doug McClellan is from the Tallulah District.

Stock revolver 4":	Steve Fisher - 1st place marksman
Revolver 1500:	Steve Fisher - 3rd place marksman
Stock semi-automatic:	Doug McClellan - 1st place marksman
Semi-automatic 1500:	Doug McClellan - 1st place marksman
Semi- auto distinguished:	Doug McClellan - 2nd place marksman
Revolver distinguished:	Doug McClellan - 3rd overall expert

McClellan and Fisher also teamed up with two other shooters from Oklahoma and competed in the 4 man semi-automatic and the 4 man revolver team matches. The team placed 2nd in the semi-automatic overall behind the Mississippi Highway Patrol, (current 4-man world champion) and 3rd place overall in the 4 man revolver match behind the Mississippi Highway Patrol and the Jackson MS PD team.

Louisiana's Women Leaders

Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco launched a bold initiative designed to improve women's lives and to help build strong healthy communities in which to live, work and play. The initiative is called "Louisiana's Women Leaders". It reflects Governor Blanco's vision of transforming Louisiana's image through an unprecedented call for Louisiana's women of distinction, influence and power to gather at regional conferences throughout the state in an effort to create links to action and change for the citizens of Louisiana.

The sponsors include: Governor's Office on Women's Policy, Louisiana's Commission on Women's Policy

and Research, Louisiana Women's Foundation, Louisiana's Legislative Women's Caucus, Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations and the Office of U. S. Senator Mary Landrieu.

Katherine M. Spears, Restorative Justice Coordinator, was chosen as one of the guest speakers in the morning session of the Louisiana's Women Leaders Regional Conference in Shreveport on June 4, 2005. Ms. Spears addressed the audience from the theme of "Women - The Hope of Northwest Louisiana". This Regional Conference was the second of its kind in the State. Northwest Louisiana Re-

gional Conference focused on the issues and concerns of women in seven parishes - Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Bienville, Claiborne, Red River and DeSoto.

-Information submitted by Katherine Spears, Restorative Justice Coordinator

People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously.

This is how character is built.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

NOWD Officer Nabs Suspected Murderer

After watching a local newscast, New Orleans West District Officer Patrick O'Brien knew he might be on to something. The newscast featured a story on a shooting incident, resulting in the death of four people. It also mentioned something that sounded familiar to O'Brien - a description of the vehicle belonging to the perpetrator(s) of the crime. The car, he thought, might have

belonged to Javin Barnes, who was then on probation for cocaine possession. O'Brien contacted NOPD and worked with detectives assigned to the case. After it was discovered that Barnes left the New Orleans area, O'Brien contacted family members by phone and they convinced Barnes to turn himself in at the New Orleans West District Office on June 22nd. Barnes was sub-

sequently released into the custody of the NOPD. Congratulations to Officer O'Brien for providing the key details and follow-up work that solved this case for police.

-Information Submitted by by Frank Palestina, NOWD

LSP Strongman Frank Wins 9th Consecutive Title

LSP's Recreation Director Gary Frank recently captured his ninth consecutive national powerlifting title. Frank lifted a total of 2,674 pounds to become the National Powerlifting Champion at the finals held on June 5th in Detroit. He will attempt to capture another WORLD title later this year when the competition is held in Helsinki. Frank is known as the "Louisiana Leviathan" and has been featured in many national powerlifting magazines during his stellar career in this sport. Congratulations to Gary and good luck in Helsinki!

-Information submitted by by Asst. Warden Cathy Fontenot, LSP

AVC's Family Day

Approximately 300 employees and family members attended AVC's Family Day on May 28th. The weather was hot and so were the mounds of crawfish everybody got to enjoy. And, just on the chance that somebody didn't like crawfish (this is Avoyelles Parish!), volunteer cooks served up hamburgers and hot dogs as well. Children got a chance to do some putting, hit some softballs, climb in the spacewalk, have their faces painted and a whole lot of other fun things. AVC raised money for Family Day festivities by selling Mother's Day dinners offered during visitation and to the inmate population.



We Remember

Allen Correctional Center lost a long-time employee, Trip Sgt. Benjamin Gradney, on May 30th, 2005. Sgt. Gradney was the father of two daughters and grandfather to 4 grandchildren. He was one of the original correctional officers hired at Allen when the prison first opened. Needless to say that Sgt. Gradney's death will have a tremendous impact on ALC employees. The Department expresses its deepest sympathies to his family.

-Information submitted by Syble Ryder, ALC



Winn Correctional Center held its annual tent revival service June 8th – 12th, 2005. Average attendance for each service was 230 inmates. The Mayers Family from Mooringsport, LA along with the Winnfield, LA and Mountain Home, AR Assembly of God Churches conducted the services each night.

Inmates Learn to Deal with Anger Issues

Allen Correctional Center recognized 76 inmates participating and completing anger management training during an awards banquet on May 26th. The 200 inmates in attendance heard from two special guests. Randy Metz, Chief Deputy Sheriff of West Feliciana, spoke on the prevalence of Domestic Violence and his personal observations as a law enforcement officer. Ms. Ann Butler, a victim of domestic violence and author of "Weep for the Living", captivated the audience with her personal story of survival. Mental Health Specialist Muriel Cunningham coordinated the event.

- Information submitted by Syble Ryder, ALC



Chief Deputy Randy Metz, Muriel Cunningham and Ann Butler

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PCC's Roebush Runs for Leukemia/Lymphoma Society

PCC's Assistant Director of Nursing, Joe Ruebush, ran the San Diego Rock and Roll Marathon in June as a participant with Team in Training, a fundraising organization for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. There were 15 runners from Louisiana who raised a total of \$100,000. 3,400 Team in Training participants from all 50 states and Canada raised an overall total of \$12.5 million. Ruebush plans to run a marathon for this charity annually. Leukemia primarily strikes children and is financially catastrophic to families. Money from this organization primarily goes to research, with some money available as grants to families in need. Ruebush says he never would have thought running 26.2 miles could have been so rewarding in the sense that it was helping others.

- Information submitted by Asst. Warden JoAnn Peshoff

Happy Trails Bike Show Benefits Disabled Children

Covington P & P agents Mike Phelps and Lindy Lousteau recently helped host the 1st Annual Blue Knights Bike Show for Happy Trails. Blue Knights is an International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club. Louisiana III Chapter consists of members from Covington District, Washington Correctional Institute and other local agencies. Happy Trails is a therapeutic horse-riding facility in Washington Parish for handicapped and disabled children.



From L to R: VP Mike Phelps, Gloria Lewis and Tina Ard of Happy Trails and President Lindy Lousteau

Proceeds were collected from donations, entry fees, door prizes, an auction and raffle. Blue Knights presented Happy Trails a check for \$3,500. Other CVD officers participating were: Justin Allen, David Boe, Edward Dieck, Mike Breland and Robin Spencer.

- Information submitted by Felix Indest, CVD

SHRC Sgt. Jobe Asks for Support in Fight Against ALS

The ALS Association – Louisiana Chapter is gearing up for its annual "Walk to D'Feet ALS", which will be held on October 29, 2005 in downtown Baton Rouge. ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), also known as Lou Gherig's disease, is a fatal, neuromuscular disease that attacks the motor neurons in the body, making even the simplest movements of walking, speaking and gesturing impossible. The disease eats away at nerve cells until the patient is paralyzed, yet the mind remains unaffected.

Sgt. Janette Jobe, an employee at the Steve Hoyle Rehabilitation Center in Tallulah, is walking on behalf of her mother, who is courageously battling the disease. **She's also selling red bracelets with the words "Strike Out ALS and Never Give Up" on them. The bracelets cost Jobe \$1.00 each, so she's selling them for anything over that amount.**

Every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS. Please contact Sgt. Jobe if you can help in this cause by either buying a bracelet or participating in the October Walk.

Janette Jobe
211 Claudine St.
Tallulah, LA 71282

Editor's Note: Sgt. Jobe's mother, JoAnn Stockton, passed away June 25th. Jobe will continue her mission of raising money for ALS, however. Our deepest sympathies are with Sgt. Jobe and her family.

Employee Awards

FWCC

Officer of the Month (June): Sgt. Tammy Latin
Supervisor of the Quarter: Capt. Angela Mathews
Support Employee of the Quarter: Anita Flye

EHCC (June)

Officer of the Month: Carol Morgan
Supervisor of the Month: Wanda Matthews
Support Employee of the Month: Jonathan Travis

DWCC

Officer of the Month (May): Sgt. JaMichael Greer

WCI

Officer of the Month (May): MSgt. Gary Parker

1st Quarter Employee Awards, 2005

Region 1:

P&P Supervisor: Mary Hammett- MOD
P&P Officer: Vicki Best- SPD
P&P Support Staff: Brigitte Juneau-ALD

Region 2:

P&P Supervisor: Anthony Simon- WBR
P&P Officer: John Welsh- LCD
P&P Support Staff: Mary Lowe- LCD

Region 3:

P&P Supervisor: Valrie Tannehill- BRD
P&P Officer: Jamie Landry- THD
P&P Support Staff: Deborah Miller- AMD

Region 4:

P&P Supervisor: Joseph Dier- JPD
P&P Officer: Veronica Joseph- NOE
P&P Support Staff: Tracie Wells- NOW

2nd Quarter Employee Awards, 2005

Region 1:

P&P Supervisor: Michael Wynne- ALD
P&P Officer: David Bahn- SPD
P&P Support Staff: Matreka Moses- NAD

Region 2:

P&P Supervisor: Jennifer Fontenette- LFD
P&P Officer: Cecil Ashford- LCD
P&P Support Staff: Barbara Shaw- WBR

Region 3:

P&P Supervisor: William Ross- BRD
P&P Officer: William Null- THD
P&P Support Staff: Norma Hanna- BRD

Region 4:

P&P Supervisor: Frank Palestina- NOW
P&P Officer: Leonard Ryan- JPD
P&P Support Staff: Cheryl Washington- Rg.4